3. States have undertaken intensive containment measures like (a) anti-rodent activities; (b) cleanliness drives; (c) house to house surveyas; and (d) anti-vector measures.

Statement

Details of suspected cases and deaths due to Leptospirosis.

State	Suspected Cases	Deaths
Maharashtra (As on 16.8.2000)	505*	12
Gujarat (As on 15.8.2000)	100	14
Kerala (Upto 7.7.2000)	152	13
Delhi	08**	Nil

* Of these 505 cases, 158 are laboratory confirmed cases.

* * None of these 8 cases have been found to be positive for Leptospirosis on laboratory investigation.

NTTCs in Mam College and Jipmer

3482. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical Teachers of Teaching Specialist Sub-Cadre of Central Health Service run National Teachers Training Centres at Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi and JIPMER, Pondicherry;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of these training centres; and

(c) how these training centres are different from the similar centres at AIMS, New Delhi and PGI, Chandigarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERM A]: (a) to (c) There are four National Teachers Training Centres located at Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, JIPMER Pondicherry, Institute of Medical Sciences, Varanasi and PGIMER, Chandigarh. The objectives of these training centres are — (i) to promote the training of teachers of Health Profession in Educational Science and Technology, (ii) to promote the development and application of

educational processes such as, Educational Planning, Curriculum Development, Teaching Teachniques, Instructional materials and Evaluation to basic and continuing education, (iii) to keep the teachers upto date in their own specialities. The Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi and JIPMER, Pondicherry are institutions where officers of Teaching sub cadre of Central Health Service are working. The K.L. Wig Centre for Medical Education and Technology, AIIMS has been set up under the tripartite agreement between AIIMS, Dundee Institute of Technology, Dundee, UK and Government of New Zealand, with a.view to elevate the standards of medical and health personnel education by improving the methods of teaching learning and rationalizing the educational strategy. The objectives of this Centre are:—

(i) promote faculty development and develop skills in curricular planning (ii) rationalize the use of educational technology for designing effective teaching, (iii) influence institutional policies for improved educational planning, (iv) undertake research in medical education, (v) act as an advanced centre for designing formal instructional courses for certification, (vi) develop data base and information retrieval services on various aspects of medical education, (vii) undertake production of learning resource materials for training of medical and other health care personnel. The Centre has been recognised by the World Health Organisation-South East Asia Region Organisation as one of the centres for organising Regional Training Programmes on health Professional Education for the participants from South East Asian countries. It imparts short term training to WHO fellows. This centre provides technical inputs and resource personnel for workshops conducted by various departments of the Institute and other institutions in India and neighbouring countries.

Use of Viagra for Diabetic Patients

3483. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medicine Viagra has been found by a modern research to be of immense therapeutic value for diabetic patients; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would consider to encourage large scale use of this medicine for diabetic patients, through Government hospitals and dispensaries; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?